GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2812
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2001
SALE OF ULTRA LOW SULPHUR DIESEL
NEDURUMALLI JANARDHANA REDDY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of sales of Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel and Ordinary Diesel in the country percentage-wise;

(b) the value of additional cost that is borne by the refineries in manufacturing the diesel having sulphur contents less than .005 percentage;

(c) whether the Supreme Court of India has directed/allowed to charge extra money for the supply of the clean diesel in NCR and NCT;

(d) if so, whether the old tractors/combines pumps sets are required to be modified for using this clean diesel and allowing emission affluents as per norms; and

(e) if so, the action take by the Government in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Low sulphur diesel with 0.05% max. sulphur content is being supplied in the National Capital Region of Delhi, Greater Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai. The sale of this quality of diesel is about 11% of the total sale of diesel in the country, the balance 89% being 0.25% max. sulphur diesel.

(b): Refineries are not producing diesel heaving sulphur content less then 0.005 percentage.

(c): The Supreme Court has not given any directions on the pricing of better quality diesel in the NCT/NCR.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise in view of (d) above.